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Meeting Minutes 03/29/2006

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM, COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/29/06

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey*	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Bayer*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

MINUTES of 3/27/06 meeting were accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

BUD 21c BOH: Hum Serv SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$213,348. Unanimous.

BUD 21d COA: Human Services SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED \$136,827. Unanimous.

BUD 24 INSURANCE: Finances SubCom (Fey) recommended the budget as printed. The W&S and other offsets, \$570k, has already been subtracted. The health insurance increases, 10% compounded annually over 10 years, 8% over 5, are of great concern to members. The SubCom believes the Town is paying as low a price as possible. VOTED \$13,866,942. Unanimous. The FinCom report will show the W&S offset.

BUD 16b STREET LIGHTS: PubSafe SubCom (Simmons) has not yet received a breakdown of the sharp increase. Fire Chief on vac. Will have on 4/5.

W&S EF: W&S SubCom (Fey & Ferrara), using a detailed handout, reviewed this budget. After extensive discussion several questions remain. Why is there no increase in the "health benefits? Are the indirect Town department charges listed consistent w/ the offsets in the department budgets? Is the water meter telemetry \$2m expense to be funded by borrowing? (If so it should be in the capital Budget.) What will the workers freed by the water meter automation do? A vote to table until questions answered failed. VOTED a balanced budget of \$17,696,077 with the understanding that this can be reconsidered depending on answers to questions. 14-2-1

REC EF, RINK EF: Hum Serv SubCom (Franclemont) reported many discrepancies & director on vacation. Expects to have recommendation on 4/5.

COA TRANS EF: Hum Serv SubCom (Franclemont) made several reductions in revenues which are balanced by use of retained savings (\$103k on 7/1/05). The loss of \$20k CDBG funds is of concern. There seems to be no plan to make up this loss. VOTED expenses \$115,839, revenue \$116,239. Unanimous.

YOUTH SERV EF: Hum Serv SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. VOTED expenses \$301,520, revenue \$105,000. Unanimous.

ART 42 CAPITAL BUDGET: Finances SubCom (Foskett) provided an updated summary handout. VOTED \$4,890,757 non-exempt; \$3,143,808 exempt. Unanimous.

ART 43 RECIND AUTHORITY TO BORROW: Finances SubCom (Foskett) stated that there was less than \$10k released from previous year capital budgets. VOTED no action. Unanimous.

ART 61 CEMETERY FUNDS: Finances SubCom (Foskett) recommended a \$20k transfer to Capital Budget. So VOTED. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE

Other handouts not discussed: Treasurer salary comparisons, ART 16 vote, School budget revisions.

No mtg Mon 4/3. Next mtg w/Town Counsel, on Wed 4/5.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: 78,590.66 (163,590.66)

Peter B Howard Secretary 3/30/06 Revised 4/5/06

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